Philis J. Posey, Acting Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Room 1A Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Posey: **Docket No: CP07-032-000**

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Southeast Expansion Project to transport 1.7 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from production fields in eastern Texas. The proposed action includes the construction of 111 miles of a 42-inch diameter pipeline beginning in Simpson County, Mississippi, to Choctaw County, Alabama, and three new compressor stations, the Delhi, Harrisville, and Destin Compressor Stations, located in Richland County, Louisiana; Simpson County, Mississippi; and Choctaw County, Alabama.

The following comment is offered on the Draft Statement:

Please correct in the Final EIS the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) table on p.3-91 to reflect the new Particulate Matter (PM) standards recently promulgated by EPA. On October 17, 2006, EPA revised the NAAQS for PM2.5 and PM10 (71FR61236). The correct standards are:

PM10: annual standard has been revoked; 24-hour standard unchanged. PM2.5: annual standard unchanged: 24-hour standard dropped to 35 ug/m3.

EPA rates the DEIS as "**LO**," i.e., EPA has "**Lack of Objections**" to the proposed action as described in the DEIS. Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451or by e-mail at <u>jansky.michael@epa.gov</u>.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office two copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Gilmore, Chief Office of Planning and Coordination (6EN-XP)